

SLUMP TODAY IN WHEAT MARKET

BEARS MAKE PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL RAID JUST BEFORE CLOSE OF BOARD.

BULLS RALLY TO SUPPORT

PATTEN AND ASSOCIATES BUY SIX MILLION BUSHELS TO KEEP UP PRICE.

ESTABLISH NEW HIGH LEVELS

MAY AND JULY WHEAT HAVE GONE HIGHER EACH DAY FOR FORTNIGHT.

Chicago, April 15.—The purchases of Jas. A. Patten, an immediate associate, during the final fifteen minutes of today's session of the board of trade, bought approximately 6,000,000 bushels of May, July and September wheat. May and July both established new high records, maintaining a record of having risen to a new high level each day for a fortnight.

May, on a nervous market, rose to 129 1/4 and July 118 1/8. September led the break, for after selling at 108 7/8 the bear forces made an attack on the price and forced it back to 106 1/4. May went to 126 and July to 114.

In the corridor of the Western Union building, where are the offices of James A. Patten, could be heard a high voice on the telephone, "Buy a hundred July, two hundred May, a thousand September." A small crowd outside whispered, "Patten is trying to check the slump."

May at the close sold at 127 1/8 to 5/8. Patten said his position today is the same as yesterday on supply and demand.

Flour Continues to Soar.
Columbus, O., April 15.—The price of flour continues to soar in sympathy with the advance in the price of wheat. The millers today raised the price of flour to \$7 a barrel, this being an advance of 40 cents. Jobbers say \$9 will be reached. Millers declare that the price of bread must be raised or the size of the loaf reduced. They assert that they cannot get wheat for their mills.

POSITION OPEN FOR CITY MAIL CARRIER

A competitive examination, under the rules of the United States civil service commission for the position of clerk-carrier in the postoffice at East Las Vegas, will be held on May 11th, in the council chamber of the city hall, beginning at 9 a. m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form which, with necessary instructions may be obtained from the commission's local representative, James R. Lowe, at the postoffice. All applications must be made before 4:30 p. m. May 1st.

The examination consists of the spelling of twenty words in common use, simple arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy United States geography and reading addresses.

Clerks in offices of the first and second class and carriers in the city delivery service are divided into six grades, as follows: First grade, salary \$600; second grade, salary \$650; third grade, salary \$700; fourth grade, salary \$750; fifth grade, salary \$800; sixth grade, salary \$850. Clerks and carriers at first class offices will be promoted successively to the fifth grade and clerks and carriers at second-class offices will be promoted successively to the fourth grade.

All promotions of both clerks and carriers will be made at the beginning of the quarter following the ex-

piration of a year's service in the lower grade. No promotion will be made except upon evidence satisfactory to the postoffice department of the efficiency and faithfulness of the employee during the preceding year. When a clerk or carrier fails of promotion because of unsatisfactory service he may be promoted at the beginning of the second quarter thereafter, or of any subsequent quarter, on evidence that his record has been satisfactory during the intervening period. Clerks and carriers of the highest grade in their respective offices are eligible to promotion to the highest positions in said postoffices.

Any clerk is eligible for transfer to the service of a carrier, and any carrier is eligible for transfer to the service of a clerk.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years. The age limits are waived, however, in the cases of persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

Male applicants for the postoffice service must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and 125 pounds in weight without overcoat and hat; otherwise their applications will be canceled. This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with requirements.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to existing and future vacancies.

NITRO GLYCERINE FACTORY BLOWS UP TAKING TWO LIVES

MEN WERE ALONE IN BUILDING WHEN BIG PLANT WAS BLOWN TO PIECES.

Terrible Accident Occurred at Goodin, Ill., at One O'clock and Was Heard a Distance of 35 Miles.

Sullivan, Ind., April 15.—The nitro glycerine factory at Goodin, Ill., across the Wabash river from this place was destroyed this afternoon and it is reported that thirty persons were killed. Details are lacking. The explosion occurred at 1 o'clock and the shock was heard for a distance of 35 miles.

Only Two Killed.
Indianapolis, Ind., April 15.—From information gathered by long distance telephone, it is gathered that only two men were killed in the explosion of the nitro glycerine factory this afternoon. They were Charles Dewese and Moses Lantz and they were alone in the factory. The factory was blown to pieces.

STEAMER GOES ASHORE.

Baltimore, April 15.—A dispatch to the Baltimore Maritime exchange, from Cape Henry, reports that a steamship, supposed to be the Witteking, of the North German Lloyd line, is ashore near Cape Charles City.

The Witteking was floated this afternoon and proceeded.

TWO SLAIN FOR DEBT OF EIGHTEEN CENTS

Guadalupe, Mexico, April 15.—Because Francisco Cano would not pay a bill of eighteen cents for ice cream in holy week, Felix Sanchez killed him and his mother. "I don't pay bills in holy week," said Cano. "Then I will send you where they don't observe holy week," said Sanchez, stabbing him. Cano's mother came to his aid and she too was stabbed fatally.

THREE SONS WHO KILLED FATHER ARE EXONERATED

San Bernardino, Cal., April 15.—The three sons of William Thomas, who killed their father at Delmar Camp in the Nevada desert a week ago, were exonerated yesterday. After beating his wife, Thomas took the boys into the brush to hang them when the oldest seized a gun and shot him. The boys were 10, 12 and 15 years of age.

DISCUSSION TROUBLE IN WILL OPEN ASIATIC MONDAY TURKEY

TARIFF BILL TO GO OVER IN SENATE UNTIL FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS

DEMOCRATS SAY THEY ARE NOT DISPOSED TO DELAY PASSAGE BY GENERAL DEBATE.

INTERESTED IN PHILIPPINES

TAFT SENDS CONGRESS PROPOSED TARIFF REVISION LAW WHICH FAVORS ISLANDS.

Washington, April 15.—The committee on finance today agreed to letting the opening of the discussion of the tariff bill go over until Monday. The democrats say they are not disposed to delay its passage by a general debate. Republicans say the bill would not be opened for amendments, but that important amendments would be considered.

Taft today sent to congress the proposed tariff revision law, prepared by the board of tariff experts, after many sittings, on the Philippine islands, where business interests were consulted before the bill was drawn. Taft urges the passage of the measure, which he says revises the present Philippine tariff measure and makes it conform to the custom laws of the United States and makes the present regulations less cumbersome. Taft said the bill was drawn to meet conditions which arise, under the section of the Payne bill, providing, under limitations, free trade with the islands. It will permit as much revenue as possible for the islands and extend the principle of protective tariff for its industries.

Senator Bailey introduced an income tax amendment to the tariff bill today. The bill carries a straight 3 per cent tax on all incomes over \$5,000. He does not try to avoid constitutional questions, but challenges them. He believes the measure will provide about \$100,000,000 annually.

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The champion's victory is all the more notable as he did not use his famous toe hold in bringing about the down fall of the powerful foreigner. Gotch was able to secure almost any hold he desired so limited was the Turk's knowledge of the game. The match was fast and exciting. It was so short that there was not an idle moment during the two falls.

Gotch entered the ring at 10:30 and was cheered by the 10,000 spectators. After the staff photographers had snapped all connected with the bout, the ring was finally cleared and Referee Smith called the principals to the center of the ring and gave them their final instructions. It was 11 o'clock before the match began.

For the first three minutes the two men bulled it around the ring without either getting a hold. Finally after three minutes of wrestling Gotch secured a hold on Mahmout's left leg and threw him to the mat. The American champion was after the foreigner like a wildcat and the Bul-

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The sudden ending of the fall came as a complete surprise. Gotch and Mahmout started the second fall at 11:29. After a minute of fiddling they mixed and Mahmout got Gotch down on the mat. After a minute of sharp work Gotch wiggled out of the Bulgarian's hold and assumed the aggressive. Gotch tried repeatedly for the deadly toe hold but Mahmout fought harder than before and the American was unable to secure it.

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ROOSEVELT IN HURRY TO HUNT

DECLINES INVITATION TO PUBLIC RECEPTION AND DINNER AT MOMBASA.

ARRIVES AT ARABIAN PORT

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PARTY GO ASHORE AT ADEN TO SHOOT SMALL GAME.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO BEAT PIER

HUNTERS WILL BE RUSHED DIRECT TO RANCH OF SIR ALFRED PEAS.

Aden, Arabia, April 15.—The steamer Admiral, with Roosevelt and party, aboard, came into port this morning for a short stay. All are well.

Several members of the party are preparing to come ashore to shoot small game specimens. Roosevelt listened to stories from Frederick Selous, the author, and invited the latter to hunt two weeks with him.

In Hurry to Hunt.

Mombasa, April 15.—A cablegram received here from Theodore Roosevelt, declining an invitation to attend a public reception and a dinner makes it evident that he has not decided not to stop in Mombasa. Therefore there is much disappointment here. Mr. Roosevelt asks in this message that he be met at the pier by his special train and conveyed direct to the ranch of Sir Alfred Peas, on the Athi river, where he will be Sir Alfred's guest for the first fortnight's stay in the protectorate.

The steamer Admiral is expected here April 21.

At present the monsoon is blowing vigorously. There has been a sudden outbreak of smallpox at Nairobi. Forty deaths have occurred in the quarantine camp and three cases are reported from Juja ranch, the property of George McMillan, who will be Mr. Roosevelt's host during a portion of his stay in this section.

Major Louis L. Seaman has returned from a hunting trip up the country. He says the game is excellent and the prospects good. Major Seaman is about to leave Uganda on an elephant hunting expedition.

Three lions have been interfering with the night work at the Makindu station on the railroad. It is believed the plans of the Roosevelt party contemplate Kermit Roosevelt spending a night at this station.

The local police authorities have taken measures to strengthen some of the out stations on the northern boundary of Kenya province, where the inhabitants of the wilderness country north of the protectorate have been showing signs of unrest.

A number of continental business firms have forwarded various presents, including champagne, ammunition, books, etc., to Mr. Roosevelt here. It is not believed that Mr. Roosevelt will accept any of them.

MARCH WEATHER IN VEGAS

The highest sun temperature reached during the month was 108 degrees. Average 87. Highest shade temperature, 74 degrees; lowest, 6 degrees. The average shade temperature was 41.1 degrees. The total amount of precipitation, 1 inch, all in snow, of which there was 10 inches, occurring in eight consecutive days. All the rest of the month was free from storm. There were 16 clear days, 11 partly cloudy and four cloudy. The sun shone some every day but one. The mean relative humidity for the month was 39 per cent. This is 6 per cent below the yearly average. The total amount of precipitation for the year thus far is 1.66 inches.

MEN SHOT BY DRUM HEAD COURT LYING IN AN OPEN TRENCH

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED FOR INSTIGATING RELIGIOUS RIOT AT TORREON, MEXICO.

Burial Has Been Halted Awaiting the Disposition of Dozen Prisoners Who May Be Buried at Same Time.

Torreón, Mexico, April 15.—The bodies of fifteen men, summarily shot by a drum head court order, lie in a trench in the outskirts of the city, while troops guard a dozen prisoners. The men shot were convicted of rioting Saturday, when the mayor's house was burned because he stopped a religious parade. The burial was halted awaiting the disposition of the prisoners, who may also be shot and buried with them.

MAY HOLD GREAT LAND CONGRESS IN CHICAGO

Plans are on foot for the holding of a great national land congress and exposition in Chicago in October of this year for the exploitation of the west. A telegram received by Secretary Fleming and his answer are here reproduced:

"George A. Fleming, secretary Commercial Club, Las Vegas, N. M. "It is proposed to hold a big land congress and exhibition in Chicago next October, to discuss irrigation and farm development. Please wire

Another Pioneer Gone.
Jose Mares y Garcia died at his home on the West side this morning at the advanced age of 82 years. He was the father of Bonifacio Mares, the plaza butcher, and is survived by another son. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning and will be largely attended as the deceased was a good citizen and had resided in Las Vegas many years.

MISSION TO BE HELD IN CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE

Next Sunday, April 18, a Mission will be given at the English Catholic church, East Las Vegas, by the celebrated missionary, Rev. Father L. E. Foester, one of the best known speakers of the Redemptorists of St. Louis, Mo.

He will explain Catholic doctrines in the most popular way, and make it interesting to all who will attend. Protestants who may desire to hear these doctrines explained as Catholics believe them, are cordially invited, and they can be assured that their feelings will not be hurt when truths and only truths are spoken for their consideration.

Catholics who have grown rusty in the practice of their religion, will find it to their greatest interest to come and hear this man and apostle of God. Pews will be free during the Mission.

The hours for services will be published at the opening of the Mission, Sunday morning at the 10 o'clock service.

It is hoped that all Catholics will take a special interest in this Mission and do their utmost to make it a success.

It is promised that no one will leave the church disappointed after hearing the fervent Catholic orator.